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THE TROUBADOUR

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DEAR COLLEAGUES,

Greetings! I'm excited to announce a few important upcoming dates to mark on your calendars as we approach the fall season:

Our annual convocation ceremony will take place Friday, Oct. 3 at 3:10 p.m. This year, the format of our convocation will be a bit different from previous

years. As always, students, faculty and staff are cordially invited, but the event itself will be an informal affair, and I will use the occasion to present a state of the university report. This event will serve as the official kickoff of the festivities associated with inauguration week. Although classes will not be cancelled as in previous years, I encourage you to attend if you're able. The specific location of convocation will be announced later.

I would like to invite you all to join me for a faculty-staff breakfast on Monday, Oct. 6 from 8-9:30 a.m. in the Leadership Commons. This event is part of the week of activities celebrating my inauguration as your president, a position I am so honored to have. I look forward to meeting those of you I've not yet met!

After careful consideration and input from various areas of the University, I would like to invite faculty, staff and their significant others to a harvest dinner on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Sister Camille Conference Center. This event will take the place of the traditional holiday party that has been

held in January in the past and took place as a luncheon last December. Let us gather together in the spirit of St. Francis to continue this tradition in a new manner! Staff service pins will be awarded; food and drink will be shared; and we will look toward the holiday season with joy and anticipation.

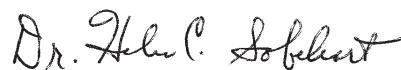
The traditional tree lighting ceremony will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. in Serra Dining Hall, with a reception to follow. The entire Stritch community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The St. Nick's celebration will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 in the Leadership Commons outside my office in Bonaventure Hall. Faculty, staff and students are invited to come together for refreshments and meet St. Nick!

I am also pleased to announce the University's holiday hours: Stritch will be closed for the holidays at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23 and resume normal business hours on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009.

I look forward to seeing you at these great events and celebrating with you in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare!

Many blessings,



Dr. Helen Sobehart, President



UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

Convocation | Friday, Oct. 3 | 3:10 p.m. | *Location TBA*

Faculty-Staff Breakfast | Monday, Oct. 6 | 8-9:30 a.m. | Leadership Commons

Harvest Dinner | Saturday, Nov. 22 | 5 p.m. | Sister Camille Conference Center

Tree Lighting Ceremony | Thursday, Dec. 4 | 3 p.m. | Serra Dining Hall

St. Nick's Celebration | Friday, Dec. 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Leadership Commons

Holiday closing: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23 until 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009



STRITCH TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP OCT. 10 AS PART OF INAUGURAL WEEK ACTIVITIES

As part of the weeklong series of events celebrating the inauguration of Stritch's sixth president, Dr. Helen Sobehart, the University will host distinguished scholars from around the globe for a symposium, "Women Weaving the Web of Social Justice," on Friday, Oct. 10 from 1-5 p.m. in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center.

The scholars will engage in a panel discussion on social justice issues through the lens of women in leadership, their role and influence in educational leadership, and the impact they have on children.

"Cardinal Stritch University is extremely fortunate to host scholars of this caliber from all over the globe to discuss the critical role women play in educational leadership," said President Dr. Helen Sobehart. "I am lucky to know and have done research with all of them. They are leaders in their fields, as well as tireless advocates for children and families."

The event program includes two panel discussions, a large group discussion, and small group conversations around issues presented by the speakers.

"The event is designed to maximize opportunities for further exploration of issues in education, such as gender, organizational change, diversity management, research methodology, community and parent collaboration, and more," said Peter Holbrook, executive director of leadership and organizational learning at Stritch and a member of the team that helped plan the event.

"Our education and leadership faculty are already engaged in many of these same discussions here and in the community, so this occasion will provide them, and others here at Stritch, the hands-on chance to examine these issues through a global lens."

Holbrook added that faculty should encourage their students to participate in the symposium as well.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP by Oct. 8 by visiting www.stritch.edu/symposium, e-mailing leadership@stritch.edu, or calling (414) 410-4646.

Photo Exhibit: From 6-8 p.m. that same evening, scholar and documentary photographer Dr. Katherine Houghton will be featured in an exhibition in Bonaventure Hall's second floor promenade called "A Photographic Journey of Discovery: Women and Children Around the World." Houghton has circumnavigated the world twice, sensitively capturing the images of underrepresented women and children, whose issues she seeks to highlight. She will be present to discuss her work.

A full schedule of events for the week of Dr. Sobehart's inauguration, Oct. 3-11, is available at www.stritch.edu/inauguration.

"WOMEN WEAVING THE WEB OF SOCIAL JUSTICE" SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS:

Sharon Adams-Taylor

American Association of School Administrators, U.S.A.

Sr. Dr. Hellen Bandiho

Saint Augustine University of Tanzania

Dr. Mustafa Celikten

University of Erciyes, Turkey

Dr. Margaret Grogan

Claremont Graduate University, U.S.A.

Dr. Esther Sui-chu Ho

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Dr. Hildegard Macha and Dr. Claudia Fahrenwald

University of Augsburg, Germany

Dr. Rosangela Malachias

Race, Development and Social Inequality Program, Brazil

Dr. Thidziambi Phendla

University of Venda, South Africa

Dr. Saeeda Shah (representing Pakistan)

University of Leicester, England

For full biographies of these scholars, visit www.stritch.edu/inauguration and click on "Activities" on the left side of your screen.

STRITCH, ST. FRANCIS OFFICIALS MEET REGARDING COUSINS CENTER PURCHASE

The University continues to move forward with its purchase of the Cousins Center property from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Currently, the University is in the process of completing the paperwork and supplying documents needed to formally request zoning changes to the property, and a group of officials from the City of St. Francis and staff from Stritch met this week to discuss the specifics of that process.

“We had a very good meeting with the city of St. Francis,” said Tom VanHimbergen, special assistant to President Dr. Helen Sobehart. “They have been extremely supportive in assisting us.”

The Cousins Center property is currently zoned for mixed use. For Stritch’s purposes, the land would have to be zoned for planned unit development. The University hopes to have all materials gathered for submission to the St. Francis Common Council by October, in anticipation that final approval will be granted early next year.



NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN NAMED FOR CBM REGION TWO

The College of Business and Management has named a new associate dean for Region II. Dr. Susan Adams, who started Sept. 2, will oversee operations, advising, and student services for the college in the Madison area.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Adams served as a part-time coordinator for the Latino Service Providers Coalition in Beloit, where she lives with her husband, Gregg Schneider. In this role, she provided information and referral services on health, literacy, social services and more to members of the Latino community for whom language and other factors might be a barrier.

She was the director of the 23+ Undergraduate Degree Program at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. from 2002-07 and was associate director and acting director of student services at the University of Wisconsin-Marshfield/Wood County from 1993-2002. At Meredith, she was responsible for program administration for non-traditional students, advising, testing, budgeting and more. As acting director at UW-Marshfield, she oversaw enrollment management and student support services, increasing full-time enrollment by 11% one year.

Adams also served as director of residence life at Albertson College of Idaho, coordinator of the Minority Scholars Program and director of Women’s Center Programs at Oregon State University, held student-centered positions at Boise State

University and worked for the graduate dean at the University of Tulsa.

Adams received a B.A. in English from Washington State University, a M.S. in higher education, college student personnel from Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in college student services administration from Oregon State University. She is also a published writer, presenter and instructor.



She is confident that her experience in higher education and her genuine interest in serving adult students will allow her to settle into her new role quickly.

“Advising and providing strong support to our students means they are more likely to achieve their goals and stay at Stritch for the duration of their education,” she said. “In addition, I’ve been really impressed by the commitment people at Stritch have to the Franciscan values, and I look forward to being part of the College of Business and Management Leadership Team and the

University community.”

Though her husband’s job as a special education coordinator at Beloit College brought the couple from Raleigh to Wisconsin, Adams said she’s excited to explore the area. Her hobby of braiding woolen rugs will keep her spare time occupied, as will keeping up with her 100 year-old house and visiting family in Wisconsin.

FIRST-EVER MATRICULATION CEREMONY EXTENDS WARM WELCOME TO STUDENTS

The students, faculty, and staff of Cardinal Stritch University ushered in the 2008-2009 academic year with a joyful new tradition Aug. 20 that celebrated Stritch's rich Franciscan tradition and dedication to transforming lives through value-centered education.

The University's first-ever Matriculation Ceremony, held in the Nancy Kendall Theater, was organized for incoming freshmen and their parents, guardians, and friends. The purpose of

commemorative Stritch pin. The ceremony was followed by a brief reception in the theater lobby.

This new tradition was well-received by students, faculty and staff.

"The Matriculation Ceremony made us feel so welcome and at home," said one parent. "My son felt welcomed and excited to be there and we felt good to be a part of such a wonderful



this ceremony was to formally accept them into the Stritch community of students and scholars.

Stritch Board Member Dr. Prem Sharma offered an engaging keynote address, "If Ghandi Were Alive Today." Father Jim Gannon, director of mission effectiveness and identity, provided a blessing while Stritch President Dr. Helen Sobehart and members of the University administration offered formal words officially welcoming students into the Stritch community.

To demonstrate Stritch's commitment to providing high quality instruction to its students, the new class was escorted to the theater stage by University staff, who offered words of welcome to the students and shared business cards in an offer of ongoing support and guidance.

Upon reaching the stage, students were formally announced by Dr. Sobehart and faculty members gave each student a

University. After the Matriculation Ceremony our younger children were so impressed that they wanted to attend Cardinal Stritch University as well. You left an impression on everyone who attended that ceremony. "

"The Matriculation Ceremony was outstanding," echoed one faculty member. "Congratulations on a great idea carried out splendidly."

Dr. Sobehart said she is deeply appreciative of the many positive comments from the Stritch community about the new event.

"I would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with making our first-ever Matriculation Ceremony such a huge success," said Dr. Sobehart. "We had the happy problem of having 'standing room only.' There was a great turnout among students and parents, who expressed sincere appreciation for the event."

ALUMNI RELATIONS RELAUNCHES E-NEWSLETTER

The Office of Alumni Relations launched the first issue of a redesigned alumni e-newsletter in August. This bimonthly publication is distributed via e-mail to Stritch alumni, and will provide an additional and more interactive mode of communication between the University and its alumni population. The newsletter will contain University news, upcoming alumni events, and other features.

Faculty and staff who are alumni of the University may sign up to receive the newsletter at <http://www.stritch.edu/enewssubscribe.aspx>.



Issues of the e-newsletter will also be archived at www.stritch.edu/enewsletter.aspx.

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